

Sharp Shooters

Photos by Gary Skidmore

FORT Riley is nestled in the Flint Hills of Kansas approximately 140 miles west of Kansas City. Established in 1853 as a frontier post, the 100,000-acre installation is home to more than 10,000 soldiers and supports nearly 12,000 family members, 18,000 retirees and 4,000 civilian workers. Gary Skidmore, command information officer at the public affairs office and former DA civilian photojournalist of the year, captures the installations' community in action.



(Above) More than 300 former soldiers participated in Fort Riley's salute to Korean War veterans.

(Right) PFCs Mike Soldato and Chris Skidmore cross the finish line during Fort Riley's 12-mile Expert Field Medical Badge road march.



With his big brother Matt watching, Mike Frasure hangs on tightly during his first rodeo saddle bronc ride.

(Left) The obstacle course is one of the favorite stops for children during the Fort Riley Open House.

(Right) Two soldiers from 1st Battalion, 13th Armor, inspect their gear prior to heading out to a field exercise.

(Below) At the end of every change-of-command ceremony at Fort Riley the costumed honor guard charges across the parade field to the historic tune "Garry Owen."



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